(c) India Post already sorts all its outward international mail. However, there is no proposal to make it a global hub for mail sorting service.

Tampering of Caller Line Identification

711. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a private telecom operator was found to be tampering with code of incoming global calls to evade Access Deficit Charges;

(b) if so, whether the BSNL had disconnected the point of interconnect after issuing a notice to the private telecom company;

(c) whether the errant operator has since paid any penalty to BSNL and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether such alleged tampering of Caller Line Identification could impact the security of the nation as it would be difficult to trace these calls?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) BSNL had disconnected the Point of Interconnection (PoI) at some locations.

(c) As per the provisions of Interconnect Agreement, BSNL had raised claims at 517 locations for payment of Rs. 259 crores. So far an amount of approximately Rs. 100 crores has been paid to BSNL. Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Order dated 3rd December, 2004 has directed the errant operator to make full payment as claimed by BSNL *vide* its letter dated 29th October, 2004 *i.e.* the sum of Rs. 182.7 crores within a period of four weeks and subject to this payment by the errant operator, there shall be stay on the disconnection of PoIs by BSNL. The matter is *sub-judice*.

(d) Yes, Sir.